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Applicant(s): Fernando Jose Barros Rodrigues da Silva **Examiner:** John Q. Chavis

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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated October 27, 2003, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to amend the above-identified application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 as follows and solicits the Examiner to reconsider the application in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this Amendment.

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